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NEW DEAL SAVES FOLK FESTIVAL

THE future of the hugely popular Deal Maritime Folk Festival, which brings thousands of visitors to the town has been secured – at least for next year.

The 2010 event was only rescued at the last minute thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group of musicians and volunteers.

But a meeting has now been held which will guarantee the next series of shows, from September 15-18, 2011.

The festival started life as a local celebration of the town, its heritage

■ BY NICK AMES

and the sea, but in recent years it has attracted acts from across the world, bringing African music to east Kent alongside traditional sea shanties.

With its future secure, organisers say they now want to expand the range of bands and music on offer.

Rose Dowd, acting chair of the newly-formed group and a member of local band Driftwood, said: "There is a positive vision for the future of the festival generated from our first meeting.

"Our initial tasks are to settle our own organisation, secure financial

support and sponsorship and establish the mix for next year's festival.

"We want to create an event which will attract people to the town. The modern folk scene is a diverse one and we want to cherish our traditions while giving a platform for some of the exciting music which is emerging."

The new group includes representatives from the Deal Hoodeners, local Morris dance groups, Cocos Lovers, Driftwood, Ravenhill as well as the town's two local folk clubs.

The organising group meets on the first Sunday of each month at 7pm at the Green Berry in Canada Road, Walmer. Everyone is welcome.



Picture: ROB BERRY

KEEPING AN EYE ON BUSINESS...

Eyes were constantly drawn to innovative businesses at the inaugural Business Week Live exhibition at the County Showground, Detling which attracted more than 100 exhibitors and 900 people attended.

Conservative grandee Lord Howard of Lympne provided the keynote speech telling an audience of business leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators that cuts in public sector jobs was an ideal opportunity for the private sector to grab contracts on work set to be outsourced.

He also praised the initiative shown by companies across the county.

For a full report and all the county's business to business news visit www.businessforkent.co.uk and see the review at www.yourkenttv.co.uk

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Your chance to fly over town with a Spitfire

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

THE iconic Spitfire is to take to the skies again above Dover, but this time you can have a bird's-eye view of the action.

The Mark Vb Spitfire will be soaring over the White Cliffs while aviation fans will be alongside viewing the fighter in action.

The group Action Stations! is running the Flight With A Spitfire experiences and can fly a group of up to six people in a helicopter alongside the Second World War plane, flown by pilot Charlie Brown.

Owner Stephen Burt said: "People have travelled from all over the UK to fly with us.

"They are thrilled to fly in close proximity to the Spitfire along the White Cliffs, close enough to wave to Charlie, and watch him perform a private air display as they cruise along in a Long Ranger helicopter."

During the exhibition flight, the

Spitfire and the onlookers will pass over the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne and pay tribute to the heroes of the Battle of Britain. Action Stations! donates money for each flypast it makes.

The Spitfire will take off on Saturday, November 27, and fly until Wednesday, December 29.

The 75th anniversary of the first flight of plane K5054 – the first Spitfire – will be marked on Saturday, March 5, when Action Stations! takes to the air once again.

Mr Burt said: "We want to celebrate this day with a full day of flying and show our appreciation for this magnificent aeroplane and all she stands for.

"We will then fly throughout the year and we hope to be adding other aircraft and experiences."

There are three experience levels available: silver, gold and platinum, and each offer an open ticket for 2011, meaning the experience can be booked at a convenient time.

For more details, you can visit <http://goactionstations.co.uk/>.

Scaffolding delays store opening plan

THE newly-opened Banana Moon gift shop has had to delay its grand opening plans due to scaffolding.

The store in Biggin Street opened to customers on Friday, November 12, despite the scaffolding which has been erected outside the shop.

Banana Moon has been in Dover for over a year and moved from Priory Street to a more central location.

Owner Lisa Pettman has now had to cancel her original plans for about a couple of weeks.

She said: "We had plans for a grand opening with the mayor coming down but then the scaffolding went up.

"The council said it should come down in about two weeks so I will look to do something then."

Get nominations in for council vacancies

A SERIES of local elections is scheduled to take place to fill three council vacancies.

There are two town councillor positions available in the Castle ward and Lydden and Temple Ewell ward, and a county councillor position available in the Dover Town division.

Nomination papers are available from the returning officers at the council offices in the White Cliffs business park any weekday between 10am and 4pm but no later than noon on Friday, November 19.

Applications must be returned to the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday, December 1, and voting is on Thursday, December 16. For details, phone 01304 872344.

Panto cast to switch on Christmas lights

ROBIN Hood and some of his merry men will turn on Dover Christmas lights in a festive extravaganza.

Sid Sloane, who plays Robin Hood in the Marlowe Theatre's pantomime, will be joined by Katie Birtill, who plays Maid Marian, and Alan Mehdizadeh, who will take the role of Friar Tuck.

The switch-on will be the climax of a day of events from noon to 6pm on Saturday, November 27.

Entertainment will be provided by street performers, school choirs, dance troops, singers and bands.

For more information, phone the Dover Town Council offices on 01304 242625.

Navies rescue fire-hit cruise ship

A STRICKEN cruise ship that had been drifting in the Gulf of Mexico has been rescued by the US and Mexican navies.

The Carnival Splendor, which ended its maiden voyage in Dover in 2008, suffered complete power loss following the engine room fire on Monday, November 8.

The cruise ship lost power to its air conditioning, hot water, telephones and refrigerators, although auxiliary power meant toilets and cold water were running by Monday night.

The coastguard, US and Mexican navies deployed aircraft and ships to help the vessel, while two sea-going tug boats travelled out to pull the cruise liner back to San Diego.

The 113,000-ton ship was on a seven-day Mexican Riviera cruise which started on Sunday, November

7, in Long Beach, California, but only made it about 200 miles south of San Diego before the fire broke out.

The US aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan was diverted to help the ship, flying supplies including bread, utensils, cups, milk and canned food via helicopter to help feed the passengers.

Guests will get refunds, reimbursement for transport costs and a free cruise of equal value.

Speaking to the Guardian, president and CEO of Carnival Cruise Lines Gerry Cahill said: "This has been an extremely trying situation for our guests and we sincerely thank them for their patience.

"Conditions on board are very challenging and we sincerely apologise for the discomfort and inconvenience our guests are enduring."



RESCUE MISSION: Emergency supplies are airlifted on to the stricken Carnival Splendor

Protest concert for the environmentally sound

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

ENVIRONMENTALISTS will be able to take part in a global protest at a zero carbon contest.

Deal will be hosting one of the worldwide events alongside London, Melbourne and Sierra Leone.

Local Green group Deal With It's has come together with the Astor, Smugglers Records and other environmental campaigners to stage the event.

Deal With It co-ordinator Rosemary Rechter said: "The Zero Carbon World Concert is a series of concerts taking place worldwide on the weekend of November 27 and 28, just before the next UN climate summit begins in Mexico on Monday, November 29, 2010.

Impressive

"The event will show the politicians negotiating in Mexico that it's possible to have a zero-carbon world.

"The intention is to have fun while minimising the amount of carbon. There is an impressive list of events and concerts around the world, ending with our own in Deal."

Event organiser Kieran Renihan said: "We hope to have a variety of stalls from environmental, wildlife and Green energy organisations and some local food producers including a masterclass on chocolate-making.

"There will be lots of acoustic and bicycle powered PA music, films, a clothes swap and 10 minute talks.

"In the evening a number of bands from



LINE-UP: Cocos Lovers are one of the acts on the bill in Deal which forms part of the global environmental protest

the Smugglers Sessions, including Cocos Lovers, will be playing."

James Tillitt, from The Astor, said: "We are very pleased to be hosting this event.

"The Astor Community Theatre is now almost 100 per cent restored and refurbished thanks in no small part to the enthusiastic support of the people of Deal.

"Please come along on Sunday, November 28,

and enjoy the exhibits and entertainments, grab a coffee from the cafe and have a good look around at this beautiful building.

"We look forward to seeing you."

The Deal Zero Carbon World Concert will be on Sunday, November 28, between 2pm and 10pm at the Astor Community Theatre Standhope Road.

Visit www.dealwithit.org for more details.

'Developers must work with nature'

BUSINESS and infrastructure development needs to go hand in hand with a respect for the environment, says legislation brought in this year.

Phil Bolton of the Aylesham-based Wildthing Wildlife Consultancy is responsible for compiling the compulsory ecological reports which must accompany any new building project.

Recently, he was responsible for ensuring a 200-year-old hedgerow was preserved as a building went up around it in Ashford.

This year Government legislation has required each planning application to be accompanied by an ecological impact report.

"It could be a road, a railway line or a large building," said Mr Bolton. "It could even be just a single home.

"Looking at it realistically, we need infrastructure and we need buildings. But this need must be balanced with the damage to habitats and it is my job to protect them."

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Phil Bolton discusses wildlife protection. Search 'Wildthing'

Village fair set for Santa's visit

A CHRISTMAS fair is to be held in Aylesham this month with an early visit from Santa on the agenda.

The event is on Saturday, November 27, from noon till 5pm.

Roasted chestnuts will be on sale and there will be a candlelit carol service in Market Square, which will be decorated with a Christmas tree.

A pensioners' lunch takes place on Saturday, December 4, in St Peter's Church in the town and a best decorated house competition is being staged.

On New Year's Day the local carnival court will be taking part in a celebration parade in London.

March to stop home's closure

A MARCH in support of retaining services at Sampson Court care home has taken place in Deal.

A petition with about 5,000 names on it was submitted to the Town Council calling on Kent County Council to halt proposed closure plans.

Supporters of the home say it is a vital resource for vulnerable people but KCC announced in June it would be closed as there was no money available for an upgrade.

A decision about the future of the home is now expected to be reached in January of next year.

Stacey sews seeds for online fashion empire

TALENTED young designer and entrepreneur Stacey Blair has put her university studies on hold and launched headlong at what she sees as a niche in online fashion.

The 22-year-old has created The Little Dress Company (TLDC), based on her passion and talent for designing and making dresses for a young clientele...and their mums' chequebooks.

Born in Dover and now living in Walmer Stacey took a degree in fine art and design at the University for Creative Arts at Canterbury and was then persuaded to further her academic studies through architecture.

But her spare-time dress-making took over and she decided to let her embryonic business instinct take over.

She had an online shop designed for impact, but on a shoestring budget; selling online was a no-brainer, allowing her to sell to a niche market nationwide or even further afield yet be free to spend her days designing and making her dresses.

Stacey said: "The web designers have followed their brief perfectly and built a site that looks and feels like me and my little dress business. It's fabulous."

The new site has also launched with Stacey's all-new winter



STITCH IN TIME: Stacey Blair aims to make her mark in the fashion industry

collection, featuring what she sees as her trademarks: hand-made unique designs allied with fabrics and materials sourced from all over the world - it's unlikely any of the site's little customers are going to bump into one of their mates wearing the same party frock.

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Joint chief act of desperation, claims Labour

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

DOVER and Shepway councils have taken what could be the first step towards becoming a single authority.

The councils have announced an agreement to share top management with a view to creating a joint chief executive.

Councillors from both authorities met on Tuesday last week, to approve the proposals in principle, confirming they were working on the idea to help make savings and cut costs.

However, the idea has already been attacked as "an act of desperation" by opposition councillors, who say it will make local decision-making remote and detached.

In an email to council members, Dover's chief executive Nadeem Aziz said: "In light of the funding position, the leadership have actively re-engaged in discussions with Shepway District Council with a view to creating a shared chief executive and management team.

"Following a meeting of members from each authority ... I felt it to be important that you knew as soon as possible that we will be working on the processes necessary to bring this about next year. Further briefings will be given as the work progresses."

In a separate email, a Shepway official said: "Our council is in a secure and stable financial position and a recent BBC/Experian survey showed Shepway is the most resilient district in east Kent.

"However, we owe it to residents to cut management costs and we have agreed with Dover District Council to share management functions. This will start with a single head of paid service."

Dover Labour councillor Mike Eddy said: "This is an act of desperation by the Conservatives. They have made a total mess of Dover District Council's finances. The previous Labour government provided the coun-



ON THE ATTACK: Labour's Mike Eddy

cil with year-on-year increases in funding, but the Tories squandered the opportunities given them. They are keen to talk about local decisions made by local people, but what they really want is to make decisions about Deal and Sandwich in Folkestone; and decisions about Hythe and Lydd in Whitfield."

The news comes as the authorities announced that Veolia Environmental Services had won the contract for a joint waste and recycling service in mid-2011.

The partnership includes introducing a weekly collection of cooked and uncooked food waste, collection of glass and wider range of plastic, paper and card, fortnightly collection of residual waste from wheelie bins and alternative arrangements for households with no room for wheelie bins.

Shepway deputy leader Cllr Rory Love said: "Residents told us they wanted to recycle more types of plastic, so that is what we shall do. They told us they wanted a weekly collection of food waste, so that is what we shall do."

Poor lifestyle choices fuelling rise in obesity and diabetes

DIABETES rates in the South East are climbing as obesity levels soar.

In the past year there were 183,441 recorded cases of diabetes, an increase of 9,797, while obesity levels have risen by more than 15,000 to 330,195 according to charity Diabetes UK.

Type two diabetes is the most common form of the disease and strongly linked with being overweight or obese through a sedentary lifestyle and poor diet.

Regional manager for Diabetes UK South East, Jill Steaton, said: "Once again we see a shocking rise in diabetes and obesity rates across the South East.

"Many, but not all, people develop type two diabetes because they are overweight or obese so we must keep up the mantra of five portions of fruit and veg a day, encourage daily physical activity, and warn of the potentially devastating consequences of an

unhealthy lifestyle.

"The obesity-fuelled type two diabetes epidemic is a clear example of where the new coalition Government's rhetoric of tackling health problems through prevention must be turned into action. Failure to act now means a bleak future of spiralling NHS costs and worsening public health.

"Diabetes is serious. If not diagnosed early, or poorly managed, it can result in blindness and amputation or a shortened life expectancy from heart disease, stroke and kidney failure."

Diabetes UK is encouraging people to take the diabetes risk score test online at www.diabetes.org.uk/riskscore.

People at an increased risk of diabetes can decrease or even reverse the likelihood of getting the disease by improving their weight, being more active and eating a healthy, balanced diet.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stowaways caught out

UK BORDER Agency staff have stopped four stowaways from illegally entering the country.

Three Iraqis and an Iranian were discovered aboard a Dover-bound ferry in Calais on November 7. Border Agency staff searched the German-registered lorry after noticing its security seal had been tampered with.

Officers found the men hiding among boxes and they were handed over to the French authorities. The Greek driver and the haulage company will be fined if they are unable to prove they took the correct steps to secure the vehicle.

UK Border Agency director Carole Upshall said: "We base officers in France and Belgium to stop illegal immigrants before they can reach the UK.

"As well as carrying out detailed searches, our staff also have heartbeat detectors, sniffer dogs, scanners and carbon dioxide probes to detect people who are hiding."

Forum's annual meeting

LONDON Road Community Forum is holding its annual meeting this week.

The community group will meet at Blake's in Castle Street, Dover, from 7.30pm tomorrow (Thursday).

Members will review the last year's successes and achievements, including receiving the grant and permission to place the historical images in the windows of the old Sainsbury's High Street store.

Plans and goals for 2011 will also be discussed. For more details, click on www.londonroad.info.

Youth setting the stage

DOVER Youth Theatre is going back in time for their latest production.

The theatre company is staging Agatha Christie's Appointment With Death at the Roundhouse Theatre, in the Dover Discovery Centre, Market Square.

The murder mystery is set in 1945, at the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem.

The two-night show will be staged on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, starting at 7.30pm on each night.

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Punters pick up a pin before a pint

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised for a charity following birthday celebrations at a pub.

Tony Cairns used his 50th birthday celebration in the Rose Hotel in Deal as an occasion to raise money for the RSPB.

Mr Cairns agreed with the landlord to operate a no badge, no pint policy, encouraging customers in the bar to buy a RSPB pin-badge. The pub sold out of the whole box, raising more than £200 on the night.



SUPPORTIVE: Carol Knott with the landlord of the Rose Hotel

Nichola Willett, the RSPB's senior community fund-raiser, said: "This is a great example of someone coming up with an original and fun idea to raise funds for charity. The no badge, no pint theme could be used in any pub."

Customers at the Rose Hotel have become proud supporters of the RSPB and display their pin badge donations and certificates on the wall of the bar.

Volunteer Carol Knott manages the collection box, counting up the cash and replacing the badges. So far this year she has helped raise more than £800 managing 23 pin badge boxes in her area.

She said: "It's great that in the current economic climate, people can be so generous in helping wildlife."

"Thanks to all the businesses who display our boxes and everyone who supports the RSPB by buying the badges."

Mrs Willett added: "I am delighted the RSPB has such a great representative in Deal and Sandwich and I would like to thank Carol for all her hard work."

GPs meet to prepare for future of health service

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

THE future of the health service in east Kent has been under discussion.

Representatives from NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust have met more than 20 GPs and members from KCC about the future handover of power from the PCT to GPs.

In July, the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley announced that GPs would take control of commissioning health services and PCTs would be abolished by 2013. This means GPs will be given the responsibility for finding out what healthcare service communities need and purchasing them on their behalf.

To help smooth over the transition, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent have drawn up a list of functions GPs will be asked to take over, which currently stands at more than 200.

Dr Robert Stewart, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent's medical director and a local GP, said: "GPs are keen to explore roles, to ensure they are well-prepared and properly resourced to move into a shadow phase as early as possible, for some it could be from April 2011."

"We have a strong record of working with our clinical commissioners and GPs and we are well placed to move forward."

"We are in transition but we are still accountable for the health and wellbeing of our public



and patients. Therefore it is vital the PCT continues to maintain its functions while ensuring our finances are in shape and the local NHS is in the best position to be handed over to GPs with a smooth transition.

"Co-designing the future is vital and no decision will be made without GP involvement."

"After all, they are the ones who will have to take the new way of working forward."

"There has been much talk about the fact that GPs are not number crunchers or management gurus, but the truth is they know only too well that they cannot personally do it all and it

was clear from the discussion they recognise they will need support."

Chair of the discussion Dr Tony Martin said: "This event allowed us to share our ideas and gave us the opportunity to work together and provide a good foundation for the transition ahead."

"It was important to hear the breadth of ideas across both potential consortia and the PCT."

"We now need to move forward and I am confident that by working closely with commissioners we will be able to make a success of the changes."

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SARAH STIRLING-ASH



Q Can you tell us a little about Capel Dog Training?

A I've been involved in dog-training since the mid-1980s and have been instructing at clubs for the last eight years.

I started Capel Dog Training in 2008 after moving to the area. I have another two instructors helping as we now have a total of six classes.

One of our recent additions is a class for small dogs as some are afraid of larger, boisterous dogs in a confined area.

Q Do you have any pets yourself?

A I have four dogs: three Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens and a Leonberger. I also have seven alpacas.

They live in harmony and are a pleasure to own, even though the latest addition, a three-year-old male Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, has only been with us for three months after coming to us in a very neglected state.

Q Can even the most unruly dog be trained to become better behaved?

A All dogs can benefit from training, regardless of whether they are boisterous or laid back, but if dogs have specific behaviour problems, owners are better off consulting a behaviourist who will specialise and be able to deal with that particular problem on a one-to-one basis.

Q Why is it important that owners train their dogs?

A The Kennel Club Good Citizens Dog Scheme teaches owners about responsible dog-ownership. Not everybody is a dog-lover, so it's very important that we have responsible owners and well-behaved dogs in society.

Even those of us who are dog-lovers don't want to have to suffer with uncontrolled, ill-mannered dogs with owners who fail to make any attempt to control or clean up after their pets.

Q What levels of achievement are available at the club?

A Capel Dog Training is Kennel Club-listed and we aim for handlers and dogs to gain Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Awards, which run from puppy through bronze, silver and gold.

We recently had five handlers and dogs pass their gold award, having previously gained bronze and silver. I am also qualified to examine at bronze and silver levels.

Q Does the club take part in any other activities?

A We promote the Kennel Club's Safe And Sound Scheme, which teaches children how to be safe around dogs.

We have done displays promoting this scheme, at fêtes and fairs throughout the

summer. We also do formation heel work to music at summer fêtes. I am also involved in Pets As Therapy. My Leonberger visits four establishments a week, giving tremendous pleasure.

I am also a temperament assessor and a voluntary local area coordinator for the charity. I encourage suitable owners and dogs within the club to also become involved.

Some of our other members are involved with dog water-rescue and carting, while others show their dogs and compete in obedience and even dog-dancing.

Q What is the best bit about dog-training?

A When dogs arrive as bouncy little puppies and then progress to gain Good Citizens awards.

It's a great pleasure to see, not only for their owners but also for the club instructors. The same goes for older and rescued dogs who join us a bit later in life.

Q Do you have any final comments?

A Capel Dog Training came second in the Kennel Club's annual awards for 2009 within the Listed Clubs category.

• To find out more about Capel Dog Training, phone 01304 241339 or email capeltraining@hotmail.com

Q & A

The founder of Capel Dog Training talks to reporter **Mathew Beech** promoting responsible pet-ownership, work with Pets As Therapy, guiding pets and owners towards gold awards – and even dog-dancing

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THYME AND TIDE

The finishing touches are being added to Dover's impressive new esplanade, with plants being dug in along the new 'wave' promenade to complete the £2 million project.

Some 2,750 plants will be installed in the beach areas between the path and the promenade, with hardy trees set into the lawn area. These will include Norway maple, salt cedar and holm oak, all suitable for a beachfront environment.

Flowers will include thyme, rock rose and soapwort, as well as more exotic species including yellow-horned poppy, Babington's leek and English stonecrop.

The planting is expected to take three weeks. The landscaping is part of a collaboration between Kent County Council, Dover District Council, Dover Harbour Board, Seeda, SeaChange, the Commission For Architecture And The Built Environment and English Heritage.

Eco village leads the way with light tread on the environment

ECO-FRIENDLY villagers are putting their urban neighbours to shame with green schemes that are reducing their carbon footprint.

Three years ago, Kent's rural community leaders took up the challenge to help tackle climate change, with some now reporting impressive results thanks to the energy-saving efforts of residents.

Villagers in Elham, near Folkestone, are among those to have successfully reduced their carbon footprints after being persuaded to take measures to improve their energy efficiency such as using low-voltage light bulbs and better insulation.

The Elham Environmental Group (EEG), which was formed in 2007, has also planted trees and produced sustainable shopping bags for traders.

Residents who sign up to the Fuel Club can also enjoy cheaper bills thanks to pooled deliveries of heating oil that limit the number of times lorries have to visit the village.

"There are lots of other things we would like to do, but we are limited because we are only a small team of volunteers," said chairman the Rev Canon David Ratcliff.

"There are also some people who think climate change isn't happening or that it isn't caused by the use of fossil fuels, so we're always having to convince people. There's no hostility towards what

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

we're trying to achieve, but some are doing more to help than others."

Elham was one of four villages that received KCC funding to pioneer the county's efforts to cut carbon emissions in 2007, the others being Eastchurch on Sheppey, Hadlow near Tonbridge and St Margaret's near Dover.

The Rev Ratcliff was a guest speaker at Protect Kent Canterbury's annual meeting, when he revealed EEG's energy-saving efforts had led to a 7 per cent reduction in Elham's carbon emissions.

But the retired clergyman admitted some methods may prove more difficult to implement in urban areas.

"We think our way of working is good for smallish communities, but it may not be suitable for everyone," he said.

"There's so much going on in large towns and cities that it can be very difficult to get people to respond. But anything we can do to help people become more aware of environmental issues is good.

"I'm in my 70s and retired, so it's not going to affect me much, but it's about the children and grandchildren and the future they are going to grow into."

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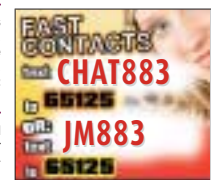
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Unknown, but our warrior is not forgotten



SOLEMN DUTY: The body of the Unknown Warrior was brought ashore at Dover, en route to Westminster Abbey

■ BY MARIJKE COX

NINETY years ago, the body of an unidentified British soldier was brought home to England as a symbol of the unknown dead found on First World War battlefields.

Crowds lined the streets of Dover to pay homage to the Unknown Warrior as his coffin was brought from France before being taken to its final resting place at Westminster Abbey. It became the focus of national grief, serving as a reminder of all the soldiers who had sacrificed their lives, particularly for the families who had no grave to visit.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the homecoming, the Dover War Memorial Project (DWMP) launched a new venture to teach youngsters the significance of the Unknown Warrior during Remembrance Week.

A grant of £28,000 was secured through the Heritage Lottery Fund for the educational project, along with other DWMP work, and a number of initiatives was held at schools and Scout and Brownie groups.

Marilyn Stephenson-Knight, co-founder of the DWMP, said the grant would help continue the work of teaching newer generations about the major events in history and the significance of Remembrance.

Sacrifice

"One of our aims is to ensure our new generations understand the significance of Remembrance and the lives and sacrifices of their forebears," she said.

"We are delighted to receive this grant enabling us to help young people learn the meaning of the Unknown Warrior as we commemorate the 90th anniversary of his return to Britain on November 10, 1920."

Activities in schools in Dover, Chatham and London saw children handling original artefacts and researching the lives of those who died in the two world wars.

Scouts and Brownies designed stained-glass windows with a professional artist and a musical performance was put on in Dover at St Martin's School.

Trips to Westminster Abbey to visit the



BRIGHT IDEA: Scouts and Brownies work on their Dover War Memorial Project artwork

grave of the Unknown Warrior were held and youngsters laid tributes in the Field of Remembrance before watching a play, *The Mothers Of Britain*, about two women travelling to the funeral of the soldier, both believing him to be their son.

The grant is also being used to create educational resources for seven- to 11-year-olds.

Ms Stephenson-Knight said: "The Unknown Warrior project follows on from the *Walter Tull* and *Not Forgotten* projects in 2008 and 2009.

"It's superb to be working again with our partners the City of Westminster Archives and Westminster Abbey, and to welcome new partners the Royal Artillery Museum, Medway Archives and Chelsea FC."

Children involved in the DWMP, which is run by volunteers, studied the history of six soldiers with no known graves – any one of whom could have become the Unknown Warrior.

In November 1920, Brigadier General LJ Wyatt, a general officer commanding British troops in France and Flanders, stood before the bodies of unidentified soldiers in a chapel in Ypres. He was to choose a soldier to become the symbol of the unknown dead.

It followed an idea by the Rev David Railton, who, while serving as an Army chaplain, saw a grave marked by a rough cross with the pencil-written words 'An Unknown British Soldier'.

General Wyatt closed his eyes and touched the Union Jack flag on one of the bodies, selecting the Unknown Warrior, who was placed inside a coffin and sealed.

It was brought across the Channel on a Royal Navy destroyer, which was met halfway by six others with their flags at half-mast – an honour usually reserved for the King.

On November 11 at 11am, the coffin was carried into Westminster Abbey to a congregation of 1,000 people made up of recipients of the Victoria Cross and grieving families.

In just five days more than a million people paid their respects at the grave.



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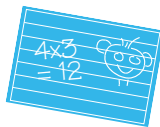
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BREAK TIME

Academy students excel in early take

MARSH Academy students from year 11 were rewarded for their efforts after they hit targets in maths, English and science a year early.

The 24 pupils all took their GCSEs at the end of year 10 and either met or exceeded their target grades.

They were handed certificates of achievement from principal Tracy Luke before enjoying a buffet and watching a film.

Assistant principal Luke Magee said: "These students have done extremely well to achieve their target grades a year early and we are delighted to be able to reward all students who have worked hard to accomplish their targets."

Their group were the first at the academy to complete the accelerated curriculum programme.

They begin studying for their GCSEs in year 9, and after taking their exams in year 10 can move on to AS-levels or additional GCSEs in year 11 or alternatively spend another year on their GCSEs if they feel they need more time to achieve the grades they deserve.

One of those who benefited from this new system was Lee Russell, whose results included two A*s and two As.

Lee's results meant he could move on to take extra GCSEs plus an AS-level in English.

This summer the Marsh Academy enjoyed its best GCSE results yet, with 34 per cent of year 11 students gaining five A*-C grades.

The academy in Station Road, New Romney, specialises in business and enterprise and is sponsored by Microsoft, Kent County Council and Tonbridge School.

St Martin's pupils remember them at Westminster Abbey

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

PUPILS from a Dover school travelled to Westminster Abbey to pay tribute to the fallen heroes from the First World War.

Children from St Martin's primary school visited the tomb of the Unknown Warrior as part of their learning about the Great War and what life was like during this period.

Grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund have enabled the Dover War Memorial Project to work with the City of Westminster Archives and Westminster Abbey to work with young people to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the homecoming of the Unknown Warrior.

Classroom sessions have been held to help the pupils learn about life in the trenches of the Western Front and about local people who lost their lives in the First World War and who have no known grave.

Students from St Martin's learnt about Cecil Bromley, of the Royal Flying Corps, and a former master of their school, Tommy Eaves – both were killed in 1916.

The school trip took place on Tuesday, November 2, to work with the MOD Productions Theatre Group.

Youngsters performed a play based on The Mothers Of Britain, a story first published in November 1920 about people travelling to London to witness the burial of the Unknown Warrior.

In Westminster Abbey, the pupils 'met' the Reverend David Railton, who told them how he had conceived the idea of the Unknown Warrior and introduced them to war poets



HISTORY: Pupils around the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey celebrated the 90th anniversary

including Rudyard Kipling and Lawrence Binyon.

The children from St Martin's then gathered by the tomb of the Unknown Warrior to take part in an Act of Remembrance led by Canon Jane Hedges.

On the tomb of the Unknown Warrior the children laid their own epitaphs, written on crosses, in memory of Cecil Bromley and Tommy Eaves.

The epitaph for their old master read "Missed by Everyone, Loved by All".

Maggie Stephenson-Knight, founder of the Dover War Memorial Project, said: "As we come to Remembrance, perhaps this is a fitting memorial to all those who lost their lives in service to their country."

"We remember them."

• For more information, visit the website www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk.

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Indefinite detention in the dock

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to bring an end to the indefinite detention of illegal migrants are to speak out about the plight of detainees.

Charities, law experts and a former inmate will voice their concerns as part of a national campaign at the University of Kent next week.

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, will join representatives from the Dover Detainee Visitor Group, the London Detainee Support Group (LDSG), Kent Refugee Help, and the Kent Law Clinic on the discussion panel. The Detained Lives campaign, led by the LDSG, aims to scrap indefinite detention in UK immigration centres.

Dover Immigration Removal Centre is one of

■ BY MARIJKE COX

a number of centres in England keeping male asylum seekers locked up, costing the taxpayer more than £68,000 a year per immigrant – without letting them know how long for.

Bishop Willmott, visiting the centre, said: “We are all children of God and it is essential we treat all people with justice and dignity.”

Campaigners argue that the Government routinely holds asylum seekers and migrants for years in detention centres, but holds terror suspects in custody for just 28 days. They called it a “hidden abuse of civil liberties”.

Jerome Phelps, director of the LDSG, said: “Indefinite detainees are trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare.

“The UK is one of a very few countries in Europe that persists in detaining people with no time limit, despite the evidence that it does not work. Indefinite detention is futile, expensive and immensely damaging, so we are campaigning to end this unacceptable practice.”

Dover Immigration Removal Centre, a prison-run service, has room for 314 male detainees aged over 18.

Vebi Kosumi, director of the Dover Detainee Visitor Group, said there needed to be a time limit for how long they could be held.

Currently, they can be detained for as long as it takes to decide upon their future, whether it is returning them to their home country or sending them to relatives in the UK.

“I think it is a reasonable request to allow detainees to know how long they are going to

be kept at the centre,” said Mr Kosumi. “What we would like to see is the Government not only putting an end to child detention, but also giving adult detainees a time limit.”

Immigration minister and Ashford Tory MP Damien Green told KoS last month he had set up an asylum improvement project to reduce the time illegal immigrants were held.

He blamed indeterminate detention on the time it took to get cases and reviews heard.

A recent report by the LDSG – No Return, No Release, No Reason – found two-thirds of migrants held in detention centres are never deported.

The free roadshow takes place at Keynes Lecture Theatre 1, Keynes College, University of Kent in Canterbury, from 6.15pm tomorrow (Wednesday).



CHURCH UP FOR SALE

The iconic church in Dover high street has been put up for sale by its owners.

The St Columba United Reform Church, which was badly damaged by fire in September 2007, has been placed on the market in the hope that developers will buy the property and land.

The plot comes with planning permission for two one-bedroom flats and seven one-bedroom apartments.

Built in 1904, the church has remained empty for many years and was gutted by the fire in 2007, which damaged the roof. The property is boarded up and may not be safe so can only be viewed externally.

The vendor is taking bids and will consider what it views as reasonable offers.

For more information about the property, visit www.connells.co.uk.

Shape provision of health services

THE NHS is looking to its patients to give feedback on the quality of care it provide.

Patients and carers are being encouraged to talk through their experiences and say how they feel dementia, diabetes and musculoskeletal services could be improved.

Sara Warner, assistant director for citizen engagement at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said: “We are encouraging as many patients as possible who have these conditions, or have an interest in them, to give us their views at our workshop at Kent County Cricket Club in Canterbury between 10am

and 3pm on Tuesday, November 23. Patients’ views really do count, and their comments will be shared with GPs when they discuss these conditions in January.

“Patients and carers will be able to talk directly to the people who buy health-care [commissioners] for the residents of east Kent and influence the treatment and future services that patients receive.”

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YOUR LETTERS

Don't let disgusting Ashford swallow us

Last week a letter from Harry Williams of Hythe referred to Ashford, Hythe and Folkestone swallowing up the countryside and becoming one big conurbation.

This is a terrible prospect.

Ashford is the most featureless, soulless, indeed disgusting, place in Kent, whereas Hythe has a charm all of its own, and Folkestone has its positive regeneration plans.

Ashford would add precisely nothing to these two coastal towns, and its enlargement should be resisted at all costs.

Keep our green spaces is my call.

Eric Paulson
Hythe

Colliery tunnels may disrupt homes plans

The land around Betteshanger, where the colliery once stood, is riddled with deep underground tunnels extending under the Channel.

Has anyone studied the effect of large-scale building works on such possibly unstable subterranean ground?

And would the building of 500 houses plus infrastructure prove unsettling to existing buildings?

I understand some houses in Worth have already suffered subsidence due to the tunnelling.

Elise Paterson
Deal

Explain the reason for museum fence

If Mike Eddy (last week's letters) or one of his fellow trustees of Deal Maritime And Local History Museum could explain how the actions they have taken achieve the objectives they say they are intended to, the public might be more sympathetic towards them.

The museum's fence is said to be needed on security grounds, although its position could only discourage access from Kathleen Thompson's property.

But there is a gate in it that she can use at will because the land can be taken back but not the right of way across it. That belongs to her property and is not restricted to her personally.

That right of way extends across more of the museum's land and is blocked by the museum building.

That cannot be readily remedied, so why are the trustees picking a fight with a neighbour with such an invidious claim against them?

The last time such a right of way was extinguished in Deal, the price was £5,000, and no doubt this one would cost more money which should properly be spent on the true purposes of the museum, such as opening it to the public.

On other occasions, the trustees have said the fence is to preserve

your blogger

As one Kent council comes bottom of the list for recycling, Gary Wright asks if we really care



ASHFORD Borough Council has been crowned the worst local authority in England for recycling.

I am sorry to hear that on the one hand, but on the other I'm not sure I really care that much.

Anyone who has suffered the stupidity, bureaucracy and stink caused by ill-conceived recycling schemes with its variety of different coloured boxes collected fortnightly must envy the residents of Ashford.

I should confess that I live in Ashford borough and I appreciate the efficiency with which the council makes my rubbish disappear.

I chuck my waste into black sacks and every week, despite rain, gales or blizzards, those top blokes turn up in dustcarts and my rubbish disappears.

Yes, you heard right, a weekly collection, no stinking chicken bones hanging around my home for a fortnight.

If the good folk of Tunbridge Wells (45.4 per cent recycled) and Canterbury (45.3 per cent) are diligent enough to recycle half, then that gives the people of Ashford more space in landfills plus time to find a system better than those currently on offer.

I talk with some experience here, having suffered the fortnightly collection nightmare with which Shepway council burdens its ratepayers.

Now don't get me wrong; it was easy to chuck cardboard packaging in one bin, tins in another and plastic cartons in another. Providing that you have the space for all these containers, it's not a bad system.

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Unfortunately, I failed to enjoy that warm feeling of smug satisfaction that seems to motivate most of the heavily discredited green believers (thanks, Channel 4).

And while living in Shepway, I lost count of the stories of bin-men who refused to collect wheelie-bins if the lid didn't close, meaning you were left waiting for another two weeks or facing a trip to the tip.

In Ashford, I stump up getting on for £200 a month towards council taxes, and while the council's slice of that is pretty small, all I really want them to do is clear my rubbish – nothing else, thanks.

Kent County Council can run schools and lose millions in Icelandic banks and Kent Police needs to retain cops, cut admin and consider carefully how many £38,000 Jaguar pursuit cars it really needs.

If recycling is so important, and EU-imposed targets of 50 per cent within two years seem unavoidable, then let Ashford spend the latest £300,000 handout on employing people to sort through the collected rubbish.

Don't make me do it. I'm happy to pay someone who can tell the difference between PVC and PTFE plastic.

We are on the brink of stinging public-sector cuts, and while I have always been against local-authority non-jobs, if my council wants to spend my money employing recyclers, you have my full support.

There must be a better way to recycle that does not involve stinking wheelie-bins containing two-week-old food as the result of knee-jerk green initiatives.

I believe Ashford Borough Council, by taking its time, can show the way.

A towering inferno of broken promises

Bonfire Night this year really was one to remember. Just six months after the general election, yet the skies across the country were lit up by the burning effigies of Clegg and Cameron and their litany of broken promises.

Up in smoke went their pledges to fight rises in tuition fees or to maintain child benefit for all.

Reduced to ashes were the remnants of manifestos protecting the poor, the disabled and elderly.

Bang and then silent went our Armed Forces as troop numbers were cut, tanks, Harriers and destroyers decommissioned, and the Ark Royal scuttled to secure an alliance with the French.

Starbursts lit up the sky to herald the 36 per cent increase in overseas aid and our increased contributions to the European Union budget, while the homeless looked on in shock and awe at a 50 per cent cut in the housing budget and the ethnic cleansing of Tory suburbs.

Damp squibs flew as one minute George Osborne promised economic salvation and then in the next the Institute for Fiscal Studies exposed his budget as an unmitigated attack on the poor, while others predicted 1.6 million jobs would be sacrificed in the fall-out.

In Parliament, as the Coalition stuffed the benches in the Lords with its own supporters, the ghosts

of Guy Fawkes and Al Qaeda wandered the dungeons undetected by police and security services, more preoccupied with their redundancy notices and loss of pension rights than protecting the very politicians who promised them so much so little time ago.

Perhaps not quite the Bonfire of the Vanities a betrayed electorate deserved, but nevertheless a good rehearsal for the next one in another six months, when the electorate across Shepway will surely show councillors Robert Bliss and Lynne Beaumont and their motley crew of martyrs that not even the Big Society's volunteer fire brigade will save their council seats going up in flames.

Donald Worsley
Folkestone and Hythe Labour Party

Say no to erosion of our national rights

Are the leaders of this country completely mad? A special tribunal of mad men has granted Abu Hamza, the radical preacher, permission to keep his British passport.

Why? His acts amount to no less than treason against our people and country.

Why do we allow such imbeciles to enter our country, let alone stay? Hasn't Prime Minister David Cameron any powers to overrule these idiots?

I am sick of reading about this

government bowing down to stupid rules by Brussels, and now we are joining them with our own stupidity.

Where will it end? Will no one in power understand what is happening?

We are losing our country. Soon we will be just a department of Europe with no say in the running of our country.

It's about time the majority made themselves heard.

John R O'Neon
Folkestone

Empty shops a good place to display art

Regarding the problem of empty shops, highlighted on last week's letters page, one of the ways they can be brought back into use is as spaces to display paintings and other work.

This idea has been tried successfully in London. Maybe with Folkestone's artistic renaissance it could be given a go locally?

Roger Anderson
Folkestone

Barack's charisma is putting us in shade

Last week's blogger was scathing in the amount of attention paid to US politics as opposed to European.

Well, my answer to him is, apart from Silvio Berlusconi, Nicolas Sarkozy and maybe Angela Merkel, the Euro politicians are as anonymous as can be.

The US has the most charismatic and talked-about leader. Who cares what Portugal's ruling party says when Barack Obama speaks?

Sarah Hawkins
Hythe

• In response to last week's blog, I feel that it is the fault of the media that so little attention is paid to European politics.

Decisions reached in Brussels affect us all, yet unless an anti-EU story can be carried – like banning curved bananas – no attention at all is paid to its rulings.

If sensible coverage of the EU existed, maybe people would become more interested.

Phil Gregory
Dover

Could Lord Howard be our Mothman?

I read about Michael Howard's speech to the House of Lords on being elevated to the peerage.

He talked about local legends, UFOs and HG Wells, using the Lympne area for some spooky goings-on in his novels about aliens.

But there was one serious omission – no mention of the notorious Mothman.

As a letter in last week's paper said – could it be that they are one and the same?

I think we should be told.

Andy Meredith
Folkestone

Peter Jull
Deal

Revealing teachers' salaries a lesson in futility, says union

UNION leaders have hit out at Government plans to publish teachers' salaries, qualifications and sickness rates in an attempt to improve classroom standards.

The Department for Education revealed this week that schools will be forced to publish more information than ever before so parents can make better-informed judgements about where to send their children.

Headline-grabbing

Individual teachers will not be named but the unions argue that in some small schools it may be easy to identify which teacher is which.

"I can't see the point of all this; it's just headline-grabbing," said John Walder, secretary of the Kent division of the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

"It's been a feature of politics since the late Thatcher era that the Government should always be seen to be doing things, even when it's not needed.

"That's led to a massive avalanche of new measures that have been bedevilling schools ever since.

"Parents want to see that their child's school is successful, but the fact is that what they're

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

really interested in is whether or not their child is happy.

"Regimes where teachers are put under the cosh make for unhappy teachers and unhappy kids. When one side of the equation is put under that sort of pressure, the other side will feel it too."

The proposals form part of the DfE business plan, which also spells out coalition plans to reform the central contract dictating teachers' pay and conditions.

Other statistics due to be published include the amount of money spent per child and how many achieve new-style measures charting progress in basic subjects at ages five and 11.

"We do not see how publishing swathes of statistics on how many teachers caught the flu off their pupils, how many A-levels the staff have and what they are paid will reduce bureaucracy," said Emma Sivyer, South East regional officer for the education professionals' union Voice.

"This is information overload. What is the point? Do the public really want to know all this?

"We fear the Government wants to bring to an end the national system for teachers' pay



POINTLESS: Union says plans to publish information on teachers will put them under further pressure

and conditions – a system that has worked well in ensuring fairness and transparency without compromising individuals' details."

Other measures spelled out in the business plan include a new 'readiness to progress' assessment for children to ensure they are ready to start primary and secondary school, and the introduction of a new National Curriculum by September 2013.

The 'nappy curriculum' setting out targets children must hit before their fifth birthday will also be less bureaucratic.

Housing cuts to force out poorer residents

HOUSING-benefit claimants could be forced to move out of wealthier towns in Kent's commuter belt as a result of the Government's cap on handouts.

A report by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) revealed that in the next decade people relying on local housing allowance may have to look for cheaper accommodation in less affluent towns.

It comes just a fortnight after Thanet North MP Roger Gale raised concerns that coastal areas could be hit with an influx of London dole claimants unable to afford expensive city rents once housing benefit is capped in April.

Industry experts at CIH believe that for Kent's wealthier inland towns it could be the reverse, with claimants moving away.

Highlighted

Ashford and Maidstone were highlighted as places that would be 'off limits' for private rented-sector tenants claiming housing benefits in the next 10 years.

Towns in commuter belts were outlined as areas in which claimants may be unable to afford to live.

The report added: "If rental inflation is at 5 per cent, within 20 years almost all rental market areas in the South East will be affected by the caps."

Under the changes, handouts will be capped at £400 a week for a four-bedroom house, £340 for a three-bedroom property, £290 for two bedrooms and £250 for a one-bedroom property.

Another Isle of Thanet MP welcomed the move. Laura Sandys (Thanet South) said: "The current situation has fundamentally distorted housing in my area.

"Those who work get less than those who claim and those who do not work often receive the most."

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Although a traditional pub Stewart and Jackie like to keep up to date with technology and have installed free WiFi, so if you want to surf the net over a pint or have a quick business catch-up over coffee, then come on in.

Delicious food is always on offer. Dishes

include homemade thick warming soup, pie of the day with mashed potato, vegetables and gravy, home-made fruit crumble with smooth custard.

All are great winter favourites.

Jazz evenings are held every Wednesday, and there is a pool table and darts. Fish and chip night is on Thursdays, there are roasts on Sundays, and OAP specials on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Add to this a children's menu and play area, and there is something for all ages.

The pub is open all day everyday. Food served from noon to 2pm everyday, and from 7pm to 9pm from Tuesday to Saturday. A warm and welcoming open log fire awaits you on these dark and chilly evenings.

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THE Snowdon Colliery Male Voice Choir will sing at Canterbury Baptist Church in Canterbury on Friday, November 19.

The choir will be joined by DeJaVu choir from The Netherlands called 'Déjà vu' for this show to raise funds for the church in St George's Place, Canterbury.

Tickets are priced £5 and available by calling 01227 760824 or on the door.

Christmas fair goodies

A CHRISTMAS fair takes place at St Mary's Church in Willesborough, Ashford on Saturday, November 27.

It lasts from 10am to 2pm and will include stalls selling books, cakes, crafts, produce, plants and raffle tickets.

There is free parking, refreshments and also a raffle.

Three day folk festival

THE First Margate Folk Festival will take place at the Lifeboat Ale And Cider House, Margate.

The Market Street venue will host a variety of acts over three days, November 18, 19 and 20. The Bubble Band, Pierre Vincent, Phil Martin Mike Deavin, The Sally Ironmonger Duo are some of those performing.

Visit Facebook, searching "Lifeboat and Ale Cider House Margate" for details.

Enjoy sounds of Africa

KASAI Masai return to Ashford bringing the traditional sound of remote equatorial African villages to Kent.

The show takes place at North School, Essella Road, Ashford, on Saturday, November 20. Tickets are £8 adult, £5 concessions and children go free.

Call 01233 629 165 or book online at www.equatorfestival.com.

Gallery's Menage a Trois

THREE local artists bring a colourful array of work to the Margate Harbour Arm gallery for the penultimate exhibition of the year.

Menage a Trois features the work of Ramsgate's Patricia Jones, John Newton and Denis Smith. The free exhibition runs until Monday, November 22, 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday.

Agatha Christie staged

SENIOR Dover Youth Theatre students had a production of Appointment With Death by Agatha Christie.

It takes place at the Roundhouse Theatre at the Dover Discovery Centre, on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and £5. Book tickets on 01304 202544 or call 01304 202544.

Jazz up your evening

THE Blue Rhythm Kings, led by Malcolm Walton will guarantee an evening of uplifting and classy 1920's traditional jazz at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre in Whitstable on Friday, November 19.

Tickets are £8, £6 concessions. Call the box office on 01227 281174 to book up.

Doors open at 7pm and there is a bar.



The Strawbs are ready to rock you back to the swinging Sixties when they play their original material at The Astor Theatre in Deal

SINGER-songwriter and guitarist Dave Cousins, who fronts rock band The Strawbs, is set to rock his home town on Saturday, adding a twinge of folk to the mix.

Dave's local theatre, The Astor in Deal is the venue for his show and he says – unusually – he is really looking forward to playing locally with a full band, playing their original, influential material.

"Sometimes I can be apprehensive. It may be that the night after the show I'm having a cup of coffee reading the paper and someone who was there the previous night will remember me on stage waving my arms about," he said.

"It can make me feel like two different people.

"But this time we have such a tight band and such great material I am really looking forward to it."

Dave's career is one steeped in rock credentials.

He started his career in the folk clubs of the 1960s, once memorably playing support to then newcomers The Rolling Stones.

"There were shows on Eel Pie Island in the Thames in Twickenham," he said.

"The Stones would be playing furiously, people would be jumping on top of one another to get a glimpse of them. The crowd was wild.

"Then in the interval we'd go on and do a set of bluegrass music. It went down well, though. The crowd liked it.

"But they never said much to us – all I remember is guitarist Brian Jones coming up and saying 'Like your music, man'."

Now in his mid 60s, Dave has also just completed a book showing how he came to write his songs.

Secrets, Stories, Songs talks about many of the factors that inspired Mr Cousins's huge volume of work.

Much of it revolves around the countryside

near his home town of Deal.

Features include the relics of the Duke of Wellington in Walmer church, the seashore, the harvest and the sculpture of a Battle of Britain pilot looking out to sea on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne.

Dave has also just finished filming part of a tribute TV show to Byrds legend Roger McGuinn, which will feature rock legends such as Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

But it was another US star who got him

interested in contemporary music.

He said: "I listened to a lot of folk music and went to see Bob Dylan in 1965. He was playing Mr Tambourine Man and that was inspiring."

Another star who crossed his path was David Bowie.

"He used to come around for a cup of tea and his then manager Tony Visconti told me all about this revolutionary new look David was getting into," he said.

"I knew his band The Hype – then they started calling themselves The Spiders From Mars. On stage in an outrageous Japanese-style costume – I was thinking, is that really David?"

"Anyway, we needed a B-side, so as a joke I started calling us Ciggy Barlusc And The Whales From Venus."

"I wrote a song which mentioned David, a bit of a parody and all meant in good fun, but he never spoke to me after that."

Dave had met folk-singer Sandy Denny in 1967 and she recorded an album with The Strawbs that has recently been re-released as a remastered CD.

And the band continued to play throughout the 70s until Cousins called it a day as the 80s dawned.

"We were playing all over America, always our best market," he said.

"We'd headline and then support acts like The Eagles, Santana, Frank Zappa and Lynyrd Skynyrd in front of massive crowds.

"But then I felt it had gone as far as it could, so I started to get into running radio stations."

A meeting with former bandmates a few years ago brought his career full-circle and Mr Cousins currently plays as part of an acoustic trio and in full band mode.

THE STRAWBS

Saturday, November 20
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The band formed in 1992 in the back room of the Railway Public House, Walmer, and still rehearses on Wednesday evenings, but now at Pfizer's Social Club, near Sandwich.

The band plays a mixture of most of the great Swing era – Ellington, Goodman, Basie, Miller, Kenton, Herman, with a few more modern compositions.

A standard big band consists of 17 players, but the RSB has 17 saxophones, eight trumpets, eight trombones, drums, bass, piano and two guitars, plus up to three vocalists.

East Kent is extremely fortunate to have them performing for local charities. Visit www.railwayswingband.co.uk for more information.

Tickets are £8.50 each. Call the box office 01843 591750.



KISSING SID JAMES

Sunday, November 14, Memorial Theatre, St Peter's Road, Broadstairs

DEAL-BASED theatre group The Yellow Brick Road Theatre Company bring this Robert Farquhar play to Broadstairs.

It follows a weekend away for stationery salesman Eddie and croupier Crystal.

Having been on one date previously, they decide to spend a weekend in a B&B by the sea.

However, disaster after disaster follows them on their trip.

Awkward love scenes, Sean Connery fantasies and a drunken night on the pier all lead to revelations regarding previous marriages, living with mother and the story behind the title.

The play contains strong language and adult themes, so is not suitable for the under 16s.

The play will be performed at 7pm, and tickets cost £7 for members, and £9 non-members.

Seats are bookable in advance at the theatre box office on 0845 2626263.

Whilst the 24-hour booking rule applies to non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, seats can be reserved by telephone or at info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Visit www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk for more details about the play.

BRENDON BURNS

Saturday, November 27,
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



THE Australian comedian was the winner of the If Comedy Award in 2007, and is touring with his show Y'know Love 'n' God n Metaphysics.

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He talks about being single and not enjoying it, his failed sexual encounters with women, as well as the political and moral choices we seem to be given in Western society.

He also tackles the subject of atheism with his personal take on spirituality, quantum physics, pantheism (nature and God being one and the same), sentience, accountability and evolution marrying them all in a conclusive human need for allegory to explain it all.

Brendon has also been hosting the new stand-up show FHM Stand Up Hero this autumn, which is a search to find up-and-coming new comics.

The show is not suitable for children and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £15.

Call the box office on 01227 769075 to book.



CHATBACK COMEDY CLUB

Tuesday, November 23, The Parrot pub, Church Lane, Canterbury



SET up by former University of Kent students Sam Gardner and Lucy Danser, who wanted to spice up the comedy scene in Kent, Chatback is back.

It aims to take the atmosphere and talent of the London stand-up comedy circuit to Canterbury, with local funny-men and women also featuring.

A fresh collection of the most hilarious award-winning and up-and-coming talent is being promised for the new run, over the winter season.

Chatback's first Knockout November night features Trevor Lock, compere Paul Sweeney, Tom Goodliffe (left), Steve Aruni and Henry the singing hoover, Toby Muresianu and local comedian Carysnia Williams.

Lucy said: "The nights are well-attended. We've been sold out for the last six months of gigs. They're packed full of strange and hilarious comedians with all sorts of weird and wonderful talents encompassing singing hoovers, magic tricks and the observational stand up. We hope to see everyone there this season."

Tickets are £6/£5 each and the comedy starts at 8pm. Visit www.chatbackcomedy.com for details and visit www.wegotickets.com to book.

JO FOOKS

Thursday, November 25,
The Tower Theatre, Folkestone



JAZZ saxophonist Jo Fooks graces the stage at the next concert from the Tower Jazz club.

The former Humphrey Lyttelton tenor sax star plays at 8.30pm.

The club's Derek Woodland said: "This brilliant young lady saxophonist will delight the audience as she did the last time she played, to a near full house."

"Her charisma and smile light up any room she plays in, plus the wonderful melodic playing of this artist at the top of her profession is a rare experience in today's jazz world, and will delight every lover of jazz and good music."

"The policy of the Tower Jazz Club is to bring the greats to Folkestone at the fraction of the prices in London."

Jo comes from Scotland, where she won the young musician of the year award before moving to study at The Guildhall School of Music in London.

She will be backed by Martin James on keyboard, Alex Keen on double bass and Rod Brown on drums.

Visit www.jofooks.com for more information. The theatre is in North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Admission is £6.



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The nationwide screening campaign to test all cats and dogs for diabetes is being championed by **Animed** this November as part of Pet Diabetes Month. **The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign** aims to mobilise the region's pet owners to collect a free diabetes 'test strip' from the practice to check their cat or dog for diabetes and submit the result in a special online survey on diabetes.

Animed is joining The Great Pet 'Pee' Test initiative to make more owners aware of diabetes in cats and dogs, and to highlight the current under-diagnosis in many pets. With 65 per cent of pets now estimated to be overweight by the RSPCA, diabetes in animals is on the increase, partly as a direct result of ever-increasing levels of obesity - as with the human population. Over a five year period, leading veterinary charity, PDSA, has seen a ten per cent rise in the number of overweight dogs. Given the current canine population, this could represent an increase of over half a million overweight dogs.

To join the campaign, pet owners simply need to visit **Animed** during November to pick up a **free Great Pet 'Pee' Test information leaflet** and test strip, then dip the test strip in their cat or dog's 'pee' to indicate a positive or negative result.

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result, 10p will be donated to PDSA by the campaign's organisers, **Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health**. Findings from the survey will be used to help assess current pet diabetes levels throughout the UK and to identify any regional variations.

The launch of the first ever Great Pet 'Pee' Test comes as rising numbers of UK vets believe diabetes to be under-diagnosed. **It is currently estimated that up to 1 in 100 cats and dogs develop diabetes**, although this figure is expected to rise with the spiralling increase in pet obesity.

Animed is hoping that Whitstable pets will be amongst the thousands of UK pets tested during Pet Diabetes Month in The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign to see if they might be at risk of diabetes. If a positive result is recorded, owners are advised to bring their pet to the practice for a blood test to confirm the diagnosis.

As with many diseases, early diagnosis is important. Signs that a pet may be at risk of diabetes include drinking too much water, urinating too much, weight loss despite an increased appetite, and lethargy. However, these signs are not always obvious and easy to miss.

Diabetes can cause dogs and cats to become very sick. If diabetes is left untreated, sadly, coma and death can occur. However, with the correct insulin therapy and diet, diabetic pets can lead a long and healthy life.

Mark Moreton from Animed said: "By mobilising pet lovers to participate in The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign we hope our pets will be tested for diabetes and raise awareness of this growing disease. **With early diagnosis and correct treatment, you can restore the quality of your pet's life and maintain a healthy lifespan.**"



For further information and to join The Great Pet 'Pee' Test, contact **Animed** during Pet Diabetes Month this November or visit **www.petdiabetesmonth.co.uk**

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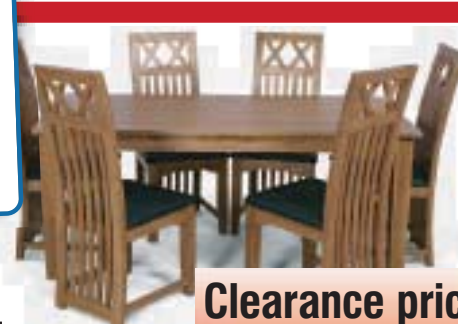
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MOTORS NEWS



Fiat twin clean engine set to attack diesels

FIAT'S latest winning tech is a small but powerful, low emission turbocharged petrol engine that escapes road tax and will re-open the petrol v diesel debate.

The Italian marque has dropped this punchy little unit into its big-selling baby car, the 500 – pretty much an unbeatable combination.

The lively 85bhp 875cc two-cylinder engine is called the TwinAir and claimed to be the cleanest quantity production petrol engine in the world. Priced from £10,665, it's even available opentop.



Meriva could be bidding for award stardom

VAUXHALL could make it two European Car of the Year (COTY) wins in three years with its clever and stylish Meriva MPV (from £12,995).

It has already beaten off 34 rivals to the award and is now shortlisted for the finals later this month; a win would follow up on the Insignia's victory two years ago and avenge the Astra's narrow defeat last year by the VW Polo.

The Meriva's ace up the sleeve is its rear-hinged back doors designed for extra family appeal.



Welcome the 4x4 plus DSG combo from Skoda

SKODA now offers its robust 2.0 TDI CR 140bhp diesel with 4x4 and automatic DSG transmission on hatchback and estate Superbs, and the Octavia Estate and Scout.

The combination delivers affordable high-quality, all-wheel drive with the flexible DSG auto 'box, and for equivalent fuel consumption.

The Czech marque also hopes this new option will draw buyers needing a tow car, as well as AWD for tricky or snowy conditions. Prices start at £21,705.



CLEVER LINES: The interior of the new Kia Venga is impressive, ideal for families, and has an impressive price to match, but the overall driving quality is a bit lacklustre

Kia scores with the Venga

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litre petrol model though, I don't see this as a deal breaker. It is a bit unrefined but there is plenty of power even when you cram this little spaceship, while the mpg should average in the mid-40s.

There is also a 124bhp 1.6-litre unit with an automatic 'box (from £14,100), but it is not particularly economical and high emissions make the road tax steep at £250 in year one and £180 thereafter.

There is an 89bhp diesel too (from £12,760) with Kia's low emissions and consumption EcoDynamics package including 'Intelligent Stop and Go' to automatically kill and revive the engine in turgid traffic conditions; it could give you an average of more than 60mpg and offers zero road tax in the first year and a piffling 30 quid after that.

But it will cost you £1,300 more than a petrol equivalent, whatever trim you choose, and it does feel lumpy – the petrol is livelier and simply nicer to be in.

• IT'S not hard to see why Kia launched the Venga earlier this year.

No, it's not intended to be a tribute to Arsenal's long-running soccer manager, but mini-MPVs like the Kia are where the crowds and the big wonga are.

Last month's Paris Motor Show proved the point as the wraps came off three big new players:

Toyota unveiled the Verso-S, a rather belated though impressive challenger in a sector the Japanese giant claims to have invented with the original Yaris Verso (2000-2005), though it was so pug-ugly you could argue that Toyota nearly strangled a new niche at birth.

Hyundai chose Paris to reveal the ix20 – sister to the Venga, since Kia is the other half of the huge Hyundai group.



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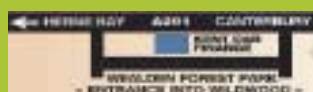
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PROPERTY NEWS

Wallflowers step into the garden limelight

PROPERTY-owners are increasingly choosing more traditional styles for their garden makeovers, according to the Society of Garden Designers who say people are looking to the past for inspiration.

Thomas Hoblyn, a spokesman for the group, said that wallflowers had previously been considered "a bit of a 70s plant" but have proven popular over recent months.

"There is a big, strong revisit to this retro 70s and 80s feel about things," he said.

Online garden retailer Greenfingers.com recently reported year-on-year growth of 49 per cent, while sales topped £4 million in the year to September 2010.

Mr Hoblyn suggested that the recession may have been behind gardeners' return to more traditional plants, noting that chrysanthemums had also experienced renewed popularity.

"Chrysanthemums used to be considered really tacky, but now they are everywhere this winter," he said.

Better protection for high-end landlords

A MAJOR change to legislation regarding shorthold tenancies has brought good news for landlords of high-end properties who fear they could fall victim to unwanted sitting tenants.

In the past, Assured Shorthold tenancy agreements were only valid for properties with an annual rental of £25,000 or less. For properties attracting rentals in excess of this amount, tenants were instead required to enter into a contract outside of the Housing Act which, ironically, was easier to flout.

However, the Assured Tenancies order which came into effect in October raises the annual rental threshold from £25,000 to £100,000 – protecting all landlords except those with seriously expensive properties to let.

The move has been welcomed by Katie Elliott of west Kent lettings agency Alexanders, who said: "This change is significantly good news for landlords everywhere, but especially here in the south east where we have a lot of properties which fall outside of the £25,000 bracket."

"By an ironic quirk of the old legislation, landlords with high rental properties had less protection under the law and could be more at risk from sitting tenants, who refused to move when their contract came to an end."

"The shorthold tenancy agreement is much more watertight," she said.



MIXED MESSAGES: Leading lenders have given different views on the property market in recent weeks, one saying house prices have risen, one saying that they have fallen

Market analysis opens the door to confusion

BY NICK AMES

TWO leading lenders have offered contrasting views on how the market has performed in recent weeks.

The Halifax has revealed that UK house prices rose by 1.8 per cent last month, following a 3.6 per cent fall in September.

The latest house-price rise takes the average cost of a UK home to £164,919, the Halifax said.

According to the lender, the monthly increase was three times faster than expected and means house prices are 1.2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, the rate of change in each quarter of the year, which is a more reliable indicator or near-term price trend, revealed a 1.2 per cent fall in October, said the Halifax.

Analysts had expected a rise of 0.6 per cent on the month and a three-month annual rate of 0.7 per cent.

The figures differ vastly from those from the Nationwide Building Society, which last week revealed a 0.7 per cent fall for the month of October.

Commenting on the figures, Halifax housing economist Martin Ellis said the high level of instructions on the market, coupled with a lack of buyer demand, had "put some downward pressure on prices in recent months".

He said: "We do not believe that prices are set to fall sharply over a sustained period."

Estate agents also have some less than positive findings – but across the UK the market shows clear signs of discrepancy.

Prices in the South East and values of home

continue to be far more resilient than those in other parts of the UK.

Hometrack, the property data company, asked estate agents for realistic house prices in every postcode in England and Wales.

It found that falls occurred in 56 per cent of all postcodes with only 0.1 per cent experiencing an increase.

This is the fourth month in which prices have decreased, showing a clear downturn in the market.

However, the number of homeowners putting their homes on the market continued to increase, seeing a rise of 1.9 per cent.

Richard Donnell, director of research at Hometrack, said that this "mismatch" between supply and demand looks likely to continue.

"A stand-off is beginning to emerge between buyers waiting for prices to fall further and sellers being unrealistic on the price they're willing to accept."

"We expect a modest adjustment in prices rather than a return to the double digit falls seen in 2008," he said.

Make a green deal on your home and save

HOMEOWNERS are being urged to renovate their properties in a bid to make them more environmentally friendly, as part of the Government's energy-saving strategy.

Landlords have also been included in the drive which experts say can help to save money by cutting heating bills.

Dubbed the Green Deal, the scheme has been designed to make energy efficiency more accessible to the public – whether people own or rent their home.

"The Green Deal's about making people feel as warm as toast in their homes."

"I want Britain to say goodbye forever to leaky lofts and chilly draughts," said energy and climate change secretary Chris Huhne.

He added that, as the prices of gas and electricity continue to rise, increased energy efficiency is a "no-brainer".

Expected to launch in autumn 2012, the Green Deal programme will allow property owners to make energy-efficient upgrades with government finance.

The subsidy would then be paid back through savings made on energy bills as a result of the improvements.

According to Mr Huhne, in the build up to the Green Deal, 3.5 million homes across the UK are likely to benefit from extra insulation by 2012, as part of changes to the obligation on energy suppliers announced earlier this year.

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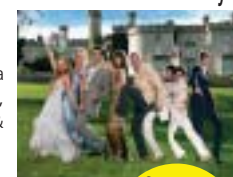
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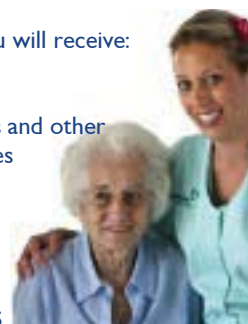
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ISSUES: Dover travelled to Hove without first-team regulars

Depleted Sharks well and truly beaten at Hove

DOVER'S troubled campaign plumbed new depths at Hove as their lack of squad depth was painfully exposed by a thumping defeat in East Sussex.

The Sharks made the trip with eight first-choice players out as a result of injury and illness, while several fringe players were unable to travel, further weakening the visitors.

Hove, promoted from London 2 South East last season, have made a mixed start this term, but their attacking intentions were evident from the first whistle on Saturday.

It took nine minutes for the cracks to appear in Dover's defence as two tackles

RUGBY

Hove 35 Dover 0

were missed in the build-up to Hove's first try. Almost immediately, the hosts were further in front after more slack defence allowed them to cross for a simple score.

Dover rallied briefly with Ollie Faulkner and Ben Sedgwick producing good runs from the back division, but Hove scored two more tries in the final moments of the half to secure their bonus point.

With the game now beyond them, Dover were dealt another blow when Jamie Townley was forced off with a head injury and Hove added another converted try early in the second-half.

Despite a spell of sustained pressure, the Sharks left empty-handed. They will look to end their five-game winless run on Saturday when Tunbridge Wells visit Crabble.

There was some good news this week, though, as Dover became only the third Kent club to receive the RFU 'whole club seal of approval' for efforts to provide a safe, organised and progressive facility for the town.

RUGBY

Picture NICK DUNGAN



TIGHT: Deal & Betteshanger (in black and white) earned a crucial win against relegation rivals

D&B victory vital in relegation fight

Warlingham 11

Deal & Betteshanger 12

A LAST-GASP penalty try handed Deal & Betteshanger a crucial victory over fellow relegation battlers Warlingham and ended their four-game winless streak.

The visitors, who welcomed fly-half Ollie Best back from injury after four weeks on the sidelines, played down the slope in the first-half, but were unable to make full use of the advantage.

Despite a series of useful kicks forward from Best, Deal's speedy wing pairing of Nathan Mitford and Luke Armstrong could not profit and Warlingham struck first with a penalty to lead 3-0.

Stung by the blow, Deal responded with a try from Joseph Hinkins, but the home side took a 6-5 lead early in the second-half after slotting another penalty.

Poor defending allowed Warlingham to score their only try of the afternoon and move further clear, but late Deal pressure resulted in a blatant infringement and the award of a penalty try to swing the result their way.



Picture SIMON HARRIS

MATCH WINNER: Dover squad celebrate Norville's winning goal with the fans after he charged down Ashlee Jones's attempt to clear the ball and it rolled into the net

Baker double helps Dover bounce back at Boreham

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Boreham Wood 2

Hurrell 26, 52

Dover Athletic 3

Baker 38, 62, Norville 64



IF DOVER are to make a return to the Conference Premier, then winning the "ugly games" against the likes of Boreham Wood are going to be crucial for manager Martin Hayes.

The Whites had to come from behind twice on Saturday, before Jason Norville's second-half freak goal secured a much needed three points at Boreham Wood to lift the club back amongst the division's front runners.

In the past, Dover have struggled against sides at the bottom end of the table, which makes Saturday's win all the pleasing for the Whites boss.

Hayes said: "It was an ugly game but we are

not always going to be able to play how we want, so to grind out a win like that was pleasing. The pitch was wet and boggy in places, but it is these games when you need to dig deep and show some character and the boys managed to do so.

"It was a tough and scrappy game and to be fair to Boreham Wood, their league position didn't reflect their performance on Saturday. It's strange really because we played better against Dartford last week and ended up with nothing. [Wood] battled hard and their lad on the wing was an asset and caused us problems. I think Boreham Wood will take points of sides so in that respect it was a good result and it puts us back in the mix in the league."

After the 2-0 defeat against fierce rivals Dartford last week, Dover were desperate to bounce back and they thought they had taken the lead early on. Harry Baker's effort from a corner appeared to have crossed the line, but the referee disagreed.

However, just before the half-hour mark, the hosts took a shock lead through Sam Hurrell. Danny Braithwaite fed the winger, who cut inside Bobby Aisien before slotting past goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Seven minutes before the break, Dover struck back with a stunning strike from Baker. The former Leyton Orient player controlled Sam

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Nicolau (Long 88), Hunt (Norville 67)

Long's cross and let fly with a half volley, which arrowed into the top corner.

Despite a bright start to the second-half, Dover conceded a second goal against the run of play when Hurrell scored an almost identical goal to his first.

But the lead lasted only ten minutes as Baker converted another volley from the edge of the area to level the scores.

Minutes later the visitors grabbed the lead when Norville charged down Ashlee Jones' attempted clearance, resulting in the ball rolling into the net, although the Dover striker knew little about it.

The Whites begin their FA Trophy campaign on Saturday with the visit of fellow Conference South side Woking.

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Cugley set to offload players in bid to keep hold of Tait

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Concord Rangers 2

Elmes 34, Erskine 65

Folkestone Invicta 1

Smith 23

STRUGGLING players could be released from Folkestone Invicta in a bid to make room in the budget for Allan Tait to turn his loan into a permanent move.

The striker returned for a second spell at the club last week, scoring on his debut to earn a point in the 1-1 draw with AFC Hornchurch in midweek. It was initially only a temporary switch, but there are hopes Tait, who is cup tied for this weekend's FA Trophy tie, could be convinced to stay longer.

Neil Cugley, Invicta's manager, is keen on adding firepower to his squad, but it is unlikely to happen without releasing existing players.

He said: "We're trying to get the begging bowl out and see if we can make him an offer to come, we'll find out if he's running out against Margate [in Invicta's next league game].

"We've given everybody chances now, no one can say 'I didn't have a chance'. We haven't got



CHANGE: Manager Neil Cugley will have to release some players if he is to make Allan Tait's signing permanent

loads to release, but maybe it's more important to have a smaller squad with a bit more quality."

The Seaside's have scored just nine goals in 15 league games so far this season, but if Tait's stay was prolonged it would go some way to rectifying the problem. There was another good sign on Saturday, with Jimmy Dryden playing 90 minutes for the reserves. The experienced forward has barely figured for 15 months, but was expected to play some part in last night's Isthmian League Cup tie with Cray Wanderers.

Invicta need an upturn in fortunes to boost their chances of avoiding relegation. They slipped back into the bottom four with defeat at Concord Rangers on Saturday, which had to go down as a missed opportunity.

The home side began well, but Invicta

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Vincent (M. Everitt 80), Burchell (Webb 80), Williams (Austin 85)

warmed to their task and took the lead midway through the half. Darren Smith's free-kick took a wicked deflection to leave the goalkeeper stranded.

Folkestone then squandered a golden chance to double their lead, with James Everitt's tame penalty easily saved. Concord levelled before the break and went on to score the winner in fortuitous circumstances, with an Invicta counter-attack hitting the referee and falling kindly for the hosts.

Next up is a trip to Conference South side Eastleigh in the FA Trophy, which Cugley hopes is a learning experience for his younger players.

He said: "The team should go out and enjoy it. For some of the lads it will be the biggest games they've played in. They need to go and make sure they do well personally and you just never know what could happen in cup games."

• **Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details of last night's cup tie with Cray Wanderers.**

RUGBY

Stones dig in to end poor run of results

Folkestone 27 Crawley 18

A GRITTY display saw Folkestone put an end to their mini-slump with a hard-fought victory against Crawley.

The Stones trailed three times, but dug in to halt a run of three successive defeats in all competitions and claim a bonus point victory.

The visitors were the first on the board, kicking two penalties to open up a 6-0 lead. Folkestone had barely got going, but against the run of play scored their first try. The ball was kicked up the touchline for Drew Woolford, to pick it up and score in the corner.

The conversion was missed but within minutes the hosts were ahead. Spreading the play from one flank to the other their pack retained possession and hooker Will Massey dived over to make it 10-6.

The visitors hit back after the break with their second try of the afternoon, switching play well to take a slender one-point lead.

The game was in the balance, but Folkestone seized their chance. Hull's clever kick put the Crawley full-back under pressure and a mistake allowed Ben Brooks to touch down under the posts for the home side's fourth try, earning a bonus point.

Hull kicked the conversion and added a penalty late on to seal the victory.

Folkestone visit Eastbourne on Saturday.



TOUGH: Folkestone end their mini slump

CRICKET

Cook dishes awards

KENT bowler Simon Cook was the guest of honour at Deal Victoria and Barns Close Cricket Club's presentation dinner on Friday.

The club enjoyed a successful summer, with both their first and second sides winning promotion.

Cook presented the second XI Division Five winners' trophy to Vics captain Nick Francis, and also the award for the best batsman in the league to Simon Farrow.



HONOUR: Simon Cook (right) with Simon Farrow

Steve Thompson, Vics' chairman, was presented with the Club Person of the Year award, while club president Geoff Lovelock made a special presentation to Fred Wilson in recognition of his 50 years' service as club secretary.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

CONFERENCE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Bromley	16	9	6	1	+9	33
2 Braintree Town	15	10	2	3	+18	32
3 Welling United (-5)	16	10	2	4	+13	27
4 Chelmsford City	14	8	3	3	+9	27
5 Farnborough	15	8	3	4	+9	27
6 Dover Athletic	14	8	2	4	+10	26
7 Ebbsfleet United	14	7	5	2	+10	26
8 Bishop's Cleeve	16	7	1	8	-11	22
9 Eastleigh	14	6	3	5	+6	21
10 Havant & Waterlooville	12	5	4	3	+7	19
11 Dorchester Town	16	5	4	7	-1	19
12 Hampton & Richmond Boro'	16	4	7	5	-4	19
13 Weston-super-Mare	15	5	4	6	-8	19
14 Woking	14	5	3	6	-4	18
15 Staines Town	13	4	5	4	+2	17
16 Maidenhead United	13	5	2	6	-8	17
17 Basingstoke Town	13	4	3	6	-3	15
18 Dartford	14	3	5	6	-5	14
19 Lewes	16	3	3	10	-7	12
20 St Albans City	16	1	7	8	-16	10
21 Boreham Wood	14	1	4	9	-13	7
22 Thurrock	14	0	6	8	-13	6

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Sutton United	16	10	4	2	+16	34
2 Kingstons	15	10	1	4	+12	31
3 Billerica Town	16	8	5	3	+6	29
4 Cray Wanderers	16	8	4	4	+15	28
5 Lowestoft Town	14	8	4	2	+13	28
6 Bury Town	14	7	5	2	+3	26
7 AFC Hornchurch	16	7	5	4	+1	26
8 Hendon	13	6	5	2	+11	23
9 Concord Rangers	16	6	5	5	+3	23
10 Carshalton Athletic	13	6	3	4	+6	21
11 Tonbridge Angels	15	6	3	6	+2	21
12 Margate	15	5	6	5	+5	20
13 Canvey Island	14	5	5	4	+4	20
14 Hastings United	16	4	6	6	-1	18
15 Tooting & Mitcham United	16	5	3	8	-9	18
16 Wealdstone	16	4	5	7	-3	17
17 Harrow Borough	13	4	2	7	-6	14
18 Maidstone United	17	2	6	9	-13	12
19 Folkestone Invicta	15	2	5	8	-13	11
20 Horsham	14	3	2	9	-17	11
21 Aveley	16	2	4	10	-16	10
22 Croydon Athletic	14	2	3	9	-19	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	+7	24
2 Herne Bay	11	6	4	1	+9	22
3 Beckenham Town	10	7	1	2	+9	22
4 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	+17	21
5 Erith Town	11	5	4	2	+9	19
6 Sevenoaks Town	11	5	1	5	-2	16
7 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
8 Tunbridge Wells	8	4	3	1	+11	15
9 Hythe Town	7	4	1	2	+6	13
10 Norton Sports	10	2	5	3	-1	11
11 Corinthian	11	3	2	6	-8	11
12 Fisher	10	3	1	6	-6	10
13 Lordswood	10	2	2	6	-7	8
14 Holmesdale	11	2	2	7	-8	8

FIXTURES (Saturday):

FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING: Dover Athletic v Woking; Eastleigh v Folkestone Invicta; KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Hythe Town v Tunbridge Wells; PREMIER DIVISION CUP FIRST ROUND SECOND LEG: Deal Town v Corinthian

Vase progress just the tonic for Hythe after FA Cup exit

FOOTBALL

VCD Athletic 1 Hythe Town 5

THERE was no evidence of an FA Cup hang-over for Hythe Town as they swept aside Kent League rivals VCD Athletic to progress in the FA Vase.

Scott Porter's side had five different players on the score sheet as they made light work of a VCD side which had won 3-2 when the sides met at Old Road on the opening day of the season.

Town must make the trip to either Royston Town or Leiston in the next round.

Hythe's long FA Cup run had come to an end with a 5-1 defeat at Hereford United a week earlier. VCD might have hoped the visitors would struggle to motivate themselves, but the tie was virtually sealed by half-time.

Gary Mickelborough, who scored at Hereford, gave Hythe a great start by opening the scoring on 15 minutes following good work from Craig Thompson. The latter missed two gilt-edged chances to double the lead, but made amends after running on to Mickelborough's through ball.

Brendon Cass made it 3-0 just before the break, forcing the ball over the line from close range.

Town continued to threaten after the break and a trip on Thompson allowed Dave Cook to make it 4-0 from the penalty spot. Jamie Wood netted a consolation, but Hythe had the final word when Ronnie Dolan, who along with Pat Kingwell has signed a new



ON TARGET: Dave Cook scored Hythe's fourth goal

contract, smashed home from fully 30 yards five minutes from time.

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